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Police: Man posed as federal agent

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FORT WORTH - A 24-year-old Fort Worth man was in federal custody Monday night after police accused him of posing as a federal agent to try to collect a debt.

Timothy Nguyen was arrested after a man called 911 to report that a man dressed as a police officer was demanding money from him.

When officers arrived at the home, in the 4500 block of Trysail Drive in northwest Fort Worth, they found Nguyen standing on the porch, wearing a golden badge on his belt and holding a black ball cap, both marked Federal Protective Services Police.

Police determined that Nguyen is neither an officer nor a federal agent, said D.D. Addy, a Fort Worth officer assigned to a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives task force.

The man who called the police told officers that Nguyen had said he came to collect money the man owed, according to a police report. The man told officers that he had borrowed money that he has not been able to repay. He said he believed that Nguyen was a "collector or enforcer."

Nguyen was found to be carrying a semiautomatic pistol in the back of his waist band, narcotics and a glass pipe with burned residue, the report stated.

Obtaining a warrant to search Nguyen's pickup, police reported finding more narcotics and guns, including an AK-47, a sawed-off shotgun, a sawed-off aluminum baseball bat and ammunition.

Also seized from the pickup were cash, drug paraphernalia, an expandable baton, a stun gun, a rifle bipod with SWAT TEAM SNIPER

and ONE SHOT ONE KILL written on it and a black knit cap labeled SWAT. A T-shirt with the word POLICE was also recovered, the report stated.

The case was transferred to the ATF under the federal Safe City Program, which started in Fort Worth in September 1999. It targets gun crimes for more aggressive prosecution, sending as many defendants as possible to the tougher federal penal system.

ATF agent George Treviño said officials are still deciding which charges they'll seek against Nyugen.

"There are several federal violations that are present that we could file," Treviño said. "We have not made that determination yet."

Nguyen remained in federal custody Monday. A detention hearing is scheduled for Wednesday in Fort Worth.

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ORI # 049003504R - On 03/30/04 Houston Police Officer R.Maffet reported his HAT and SHIELD (# 6630) LOST.

ORI # 049117504N - On 03/30/04 the following items were STOLEN from a Houston Firefighter: HFD Bunker Coat (VAUGHN on back), gear bag (with name), Helmet (District Chief Station 34), hood, gloves, bunker boots, rain suit, air mask, Houston

Medical Strike Team bag (with gear), blue nylon medical kit bag (with gear).

ORI # 050951904B - On 04/03/04 Houston Police Officer J. Watson reported the THEFT of the following police equipment: Sam Brown belt, Motorola Sabre radio (# 6261), HPD Badge, Handcuffs and HPD insignia..